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Learning Through the Library Best Practices Archive

The Learning Through the Library Best Practices Archive is a collection of successful K-12 teaching-learning practices involving school library media centers that reflect the Information Literacy Standards for Student Learning and demonstrate strengths in some of the following areas:

- * integration of information literacy learning with various content area learning.
- * evidence of improved student performance.
- * use of technology as an effective teaching and learning tool.
- * support of school reform efforts and national curriculum standards.

Originally published as part of the AASL Learning Through the Library Web site in 1998, the best practices are now available on the current AASL Web site at

<http://www.ala.org/aasl/learning/practices.html>

AASL and Cable In the Classroom Partner In Winter 2004: Issue Of Threshold

Each issue of Cable in the Classroom's quarterly Threshold: Exploring the Future of Education contains diverse thinking about a common goal -- putting the best

human and technological resources to work for learners. Also, each issue is published in partnership with a leading national organization, and AASL and ALA are proud to have collaborated with Cable in the Classroom on the Winter 2004 issue.

The Winter 2004 issue, featuring articles focused on the theme of "Libraries, Learning, and the Future," is available in print and online at <http://www.ciconline.org/AboutCIC/Publications/threshold.htm>

Free Trial of Lit Finder includes Poem Finder, Story Finder and Essay/Speech/Play Finder

I have arranged a month trial for all of the schools in the state of Missouri. The product, Lit Finder, is a family of literature databases, located at www.litfinder.com. Lit Finder includes Poem Finder, Story Finder and Essay / Speech / Play Finder.

Lit Finder database descriptions:

Poem Finder provides:

125,000 full-text poems
800,000 poems citations and excerpts
Subject Navigator
The Year's Best Poetry
Kids' Corner
Explanations, biographies, pictures
Glossary

Story Finder provides:

Thousands of full-text stories
Genre Navigator
Explanations
Biographies
Pictures

Essay Finder provides:

Thousands of full-text essays
Literary Criticism
Biographies
Genre Navigator

Just added -- two new modules, Play Finder and Speech Finder!

Speech Finder

From antiquity to modern times, these speeches represent fine examples of recorded oratory. Speechmakers have commented on the milestones of history as well as the minutiae of everyday life. The company is collecting the best and the best-known speeches of the past 2,500 years and categorizing them into easily searchable genres.

Play Finder

Over 1,000 complete plays covering the range of dramatic expression: including one-act, puppet plays, HARLINQUINADEs, tragedies, gothic, children's, religious, romantic, historical, children's, and comedic. The plays include many nationalities, all in English or English translations. Plays are analyzed for subjects and lists of the characters are provided for each play.

To access the databases, visit

<http://www.litfinder.com>.

Username: miss

Password: miss

Trial Period: 2/01/04 to 3/01/04

Enjoy your trial, and please don't hesitate to contact Julianne Carone
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Wise Guide Portal to Library of Congress Material

This Wise Guide portal was designed to introduce you to the many fascinating, educational, and useful resources available from the nation's library and one of the most popular Web sites of the federal government.

The "Wise Guide" will be refreshed monthly, much like a magazine, offering links to the best of the Library's online materials. Each of these "articles" is based on items contained in a collection, database, reading room or other area of the Library's online offerings. The holdings range from prints, photographs, films, audio recordings, maps, manuscripts, music and digital materials to (of course) books. The Guide's monthly "articles" will encourage you to explore the millions of items made available at
<http://www.loc.gov/wiseguide/about.html>

Missouri Association of School Librarians (MASL) Annual Spring Conference

Information concerning the Spring Conference including registration forms is now available on the MASL website.
<http://www.maslonline.org/spring.htm>

Show Me Connection: How School Library Media Center Services Impact Student Achievement (Missouri Study)

The complete study is now available at
<http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/curriculum/lmcindex.htm> A PowerPoint presentation is also available if you would like to use it in local presentations.

The Department and the State Library have once again joined efforts to "dig deeper" into the collected data. An investigation of components which allow and encourage high levels of access and usage is being conducted. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

Financial Information for Library Expenditures and Collection Quantities by School Building

The annual reporting of library information via Core Data is for review via the Department's web site. You may review your data and if there are mistakes, send corrections via email Lisa.Walters@dese.mo.gov or by fax 573-526-7861. Be sure to provide the name of the district and building when sending corrections.

You may also use the information to compare districts and buildings. The total materials and supplies expended, the per pupil expenditure, and the quantities for fiction, nonfiction, and reference are provided.

Change of Email Address

My email address has changed. The old address will **not** work after January 1, 2004. Please change your address books to Lisa.Walters@dese.mo.gov

Change of DESE Web Address

The DESE web page address has changed. It is now <http://dese.mo.gov>. Please change your bookmarks and/or favorites. The direct link to the Library Media page is
<http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/curriculum/lmcindex.htm>

Grants from the State Library

The State Library has several grant programs available to school librarians. One grant in particular (Show Me Steps to Career Development) may be of interest when considering the MASL Spring Conference as it helps pay for conference attendance.

Please visit the Secretary of State's web site for complete grant information.

<http://sos.mo.gov/library/development/grants.asp>

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<http://sos.mo.gov/library/> .

Please change your bookmarks and/or favorites.

Audio Books

Having trouble finding audio book titles? Contact Audio Bookshelf. If they do not have the title you want, they will create it for you at no extra cost.

Sources of reviews are included for listed titles. Many titles have additional material available in the form of Curricular Connections. The Connections include suggestions for use, web links for information, and a listing of other resources.

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United States Colored Troops in Missouri: Finding African American History at the Missouri State Archives

Submitted by Kelly Smith, Education Specialist at the Missouri State Archives

On Tuesday, January 20, 2004, a new lesson plan in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day will be available on the Missouri State Archives website, a division of the Secretary of State's Office.

United States Colored Troops in Missouri: Finding African American History at the Missouri State Archives is geared toward students in grades five through eight, and is aligned to meet the standards of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Framework for Curriculum Development in Social Studies. In addition to fitting into a unit covering the Civil War, the lesson would also be appropriate as a Black History Month activity.

Included in the on-line lesson are: a Lesson Overview, three histories dealing with the role of United States Colored Troops in Missouri during the Civil War and with the importance of original documents, an Original Document worksheet, a Suggested Enrichment Activity list, and Guided Discussion Questions and Sites of Interest.

The digital images of two original documents, the Colored Volunteer Descriptive List and the Colored Volunteer Enlistment records of one enslaved Missourian, George W. Reynolds of St. Joseph, Missouri round out this lesson plan. It is my hope that the inclusion of Reynolds' enlistment records will reinforce the value of the preservation and study of original, historical documents.

You may access *United States Colored Troops in Missouri: Finding African American History at the Missouri State Archives* at:

<http://sos.mo.gov/archives/education/>.

For more information, please contact Kelly Smith, Education Specialist at the Missouri State Archives, at (573) 526-5296 or kelly.smith@sos.mo.gov

So far, winter has treated us kindly. Hopefully spring isn't too far away. I hope to see many of you at the MASL Spring Conference. It is an opportunity to learn many things, renew and begin new friendships, and rejuvenate for the coming months.

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